(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Overall shortage of power and rising demand coupled with paucity of funds have been responsible for putting more stress on additional capacity generation projects at the cost of transmission and distribution system.

(e) and (f) Govt. are not aware of the World Bank study which recommends equal expenditure on generation and T&D. However, Rajyadhaksha Committee on Power set up by the Government had recommended that ratio of planned expenditure on power sector between generation and T&D should be equal.

एन०टी०पी०सी० प्रबंधन द्वारा भोपाल गैस त्रासदी राहत कोष

4507. **श्री लखो राम अग्रवाल** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एन० टी० पी० सी० प्रबन्धन ने भोपाल गैस त्रासदी के पीड़ित व्यक्तियों के लिए 1985 में एन० टी० पी० सी० के कर्मचारियों से कितनी धनराशि एकत्रित की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार एकत्रित धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस धनराशि को 1989 तक पीड़ितों को नहीं भेजा गया था; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैय्या नायडू) : (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम (एन० टी० पी० सी०) का कोरबा सुपर ताप विद्युत केन्द्र केवल 9561.67 रुपये एकत्र करने में सफल रहा था और इसीलिए एन० टी० पी० सी० द्वारा इस राशि को वापिस लौटाने का निर्णय लिया गया था ।

(घ) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

AES Transpowers' Thermal Power Project in Orissa

4508. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that clearance for US, AES Transpower's Thermal Power Project at IB Valley has been given by Government despite the fact that agreement on controversial issues between the company and the State Government of Orissa was yet to be arrived at; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir. Though the project has been given approval by Government from the angle of foreign investment, the techno-economic clearance is still to be given by the Central Electricity Authority. Orissa State Electricity Board and AES have recently agreed to an amended power purchase agreement. The amended agreement is being examined by Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

टिहरी बांध में दरारें

4509. **श्री बीरेन जे० शाह** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी हाल ही में उपग्रह द्वारा लिये गये चित्रों के प्रकाशन से यह पता चला है कि टिहरी बांध परियोजना की जलाशय परिधि में भूस्खलन के कारण 71 दरारें पड़ गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये दरारें कब आयी थी और क्या ये दरार पिछले भूकम्प के कारण आयी हैं,

(ग) क्या सरकार बांध की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए बांध परियोजना निर्माण के संबंध में पुनर्विचार करेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैय्या नायडू) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Modernisation of Power Transmission System

4510. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL :

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether one US multi-national has offered to modernise power transmission system in India at cheaper cost;

(b) if so, whether this multi-national company is one of the oldest major companies;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the offer made by the company;

(d) whether any concrete proposal in this regard has been received by India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have agreed to the proposal made by the US multinational company; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (g) Government has not received any offer from any US Multi-national company to modernise power transmission system in India so far.

Private Bids for Generation and Transmission of Electricity in Delhi

4511. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rift between the Delhi Government and the Union Government on inviting some private bids for the generation and transmission of electricity in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take or have taken so far to meet the shortage of electricity in Delhi, for bringing some succour to the people of Delhi in the coming summer season and bringing down the mounting financial losses being incurred by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking year after year and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. During the year 1993-94, against the requirement of 11045 Million units, the availability was 10884 Million units. The marginal deficit of 1.5% is met by suitable load management and enforcing peak load restrictions on industries/commercial establishments. Maximum possible assistance is provided to Delhi from the Northern Grid to meet its power requirements. With a view to meet the ensuing summer load and increasing demand, 3×34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units are under installation at the existing Gas Turbines. DESU will get 90% share from the 840 MW National Capital Thermal Power Project at Dadri, three units of which have already been commissioned. Apart from the share in the Central stations coming up in the Northern Region, power is also made available to Delhi out of the unallocated reserve with the Central Government. Other steps taken to improve the quality and reliability of supply include extensive maintenance and strengthening/augmentation of the transmission and distribution system and installation of shunt capacitors. A Task Force set up by the Government periodically reviews the power supply position in Delhi. Measures taken by DESU to bring down its financial losses include tariff revision from 1-10-93; recovery of outstanding dues from consumers and checks on thefts and other voilations relating to use of electricity.

NTPC Project at Kahalgaon

4512. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of the NTPC Thermal Power Station at Kahalgaon, Bihar was scheduled to be completed;

(b) whether there is any arrangement for direct supply of electricity to Banka from NTPC station at Kahalgaon; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor, and if so, by when the arrangement is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Kahalgaon Thermal Power Project (Stage I) of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Bihar comprises 4 units of 210 MW each. The Ist unit was commissioned in March, 1992 and the IInd Unit in March, 1994. The anticipated commissioning schedule of IIIrd Unit is May, 1995 and that for the IVth unit is December, 1995.

(b) No, Sir.